

**S.O.A.R. PROJECT: SOCIAL
SECURITY OUTREACH,
ACCESS, AND RECOVERY**

**OCTOBER 2-3, 2008
LA CROSSE, WI**

Location

The SOAR Training will be held at:

Independent Living Resources
4439 Mormon Coulee Road
La Crosse, WI 54601
(park in the back of the building, entrance on
left side of building in back)

In order to keep costs of the training low,
meals, and hotel arrangements are not in-
cluded in the training price. Meals and ac-
commodations are on your own! Coffee and
rolls will be provided each morning at the
training site.

Hotels that are closest to the training site
are:

Radisson Hotel - Downtown La Crosse
Reservations: 608-784-6680

Holiday Inn Suites - Downtown La Crosse
Reservations: 1-800-HOLIDAY

Grand Stay Residential Suites - Downtown
Reservations: 608-796-1615

Courtyard By Marriott - Downtown
La Crosse
Reservations: 1-800-321-2211

There are many other hotels and motels in
the area that are within 15-20 minutes of the
training site.

Registration:
Registration is limited to the first 40 partici-
pants, so sign up early!

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**Expediting SSI/SSDI for people who
have physical and/or serious and
persistent mental health issues and
who are experiencing homelessness or
who are at risk of becoming homeless.**

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The SOAR project is funded through a grant
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Supportive Housing*



Overview

Assisting people who have disabilities and who are experiencing homelessness gain access to the Social Security Administration's (SSA) benefit programs. Accessing benefits programs (SSI/SSDI) is a financial sound investment in people, programs, and communities. For individuals who fall into this category, the immediate benefits of accessing these benefits are clear: steady income and health coverage.

This training will utilize the strategy of "Stepping Stones to Recovery" curriculum to train the participants in a process that has proven itself successful around the country in increasing the success rate of initial applications from 32% to between 65% and 95% and reduces the waiting period for benefits after application submission, from years to months. The first pilot program in Wisconsin was in Waukesha County. Couleecap was a recent recipient of a grant through the State of WI Dept. of Commerce to bring a SOAR program to La Crosse County.

- Included in the two day training:
- Comprehensive Training materials
 - Continental Breakfast each day

Cost: \$50 per person for two day training.

Registration Deadline is September 26, 2008!

Attendance is limited to 40 people, so get registered early!

Day 1

8:00-8:30 Registration

8:30-9:30 Welcome & Introductions
Overview of Expediting SSI Process

9:30-12:00 Engaging clients, application process, non-medical

12:00-1:00 Lunch (on your own)

1:00-4:30 Medical evidence, eligibility criteria, mental illness, co-occurring disorders, the usual process.

Day 2

8:30-12:00 The new process, interviewing, as assessment, functional information, functional descriptions.

12:00-1:00 Lunch (on your own)

1:00-4:30 Medical summaries, work incentives, foundation for community initiatives.

This training is designed to be highly interactive while giving the participant a solid understanding of how the SSI/SSDI application process works as well as understanding the roles of providers and representatives. Materials and exercises will familiarize the participants with the SSA forms required in the application process.

Name & Title

Organization

Address

Phone

E-mail

Registrations are payable by check by September 26, 2008

Send registrations to:
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